Soldiers killed and injured in terrorist attacks in J&K

†5505. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large number of soldiers in Kashmir fighting against the terrorist activities are sacrificing their lives for the sake of country;

(b) the number of persons died as well as injured during the last three years;

(c) the number of the persons died in land mine blasts;

(d) whether Government are considering to import anti-landmine vehicles in order to save the lives of soldiers;

(e) if so. By when; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c)The details of Army personnel killed due to militant action and mine and Improvised Explosive Devices (IED) blasts in Jammu and Kashmir during the last three years, are given below:—

	1997	1998	1999
Militant action	151	149	218
IED/Mine Blast	21	13	30
Total	172	162	248

Details of personnel injured is not maintained centrally by Army HQrs.

(e) to'(f) Ninety Mine Protected Vehicles (MPVs) have already been imported and deployed. Action is in hand to acquire-more MPVs.

Rehabilitation of people living in nearby villages of Kargil

†5506. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the arrangements made by Government for rehabilitating the people living in the nearby villages of Kargil whose homes had been ruined due to Kargil war;

(b) the details thereof; and

(c) the action being taken by Government for such people?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.